

Shrink This Problem to Size

Dear Editor,

Our unit has the new HGU-56/P helmet. It's a good helmet, but over time the mike boom comes loose and swings away from the user's face.

Instead of replacing the boom, make it tighter. Here's how:

Remove the boom from the tightening assembly and cover the ball with a 1/2 x 1/4-in piece of shrink wrap, NSN 5970-00-814-2878.

Use needle-nose pliers to stretch the wrap around the ball and shrink it to fit using a heat gun. Then trim off the excess, let the rest cool and reassemble the microphone boom. Problem solved.

Add shrink wrap to ball to tighten boom

This keeps the boom assembly tight for a long time—and is



better than scratching the ball with sandpaper to keep it tight.

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Cargo to Rescue Mode Safety

Chinook crews, be sure to pull 30 feet of cable from the spool **before** you switch from the CARGO to RESCUE mode, on your Chinook's internal winch.

Otherwise, as soon as you switch to RESCUE, the 3 feet of exposed cable, along with its hook assembly, will quickly retract through the cable runner, then under the floorboards and wrap around the spool. Anyone or anything unlucky enough to be in the cable's path will be hurt or damaged.

Avoid disaster—pull out 30 feet of cable **before** you switch to RESCUE. That way you'll be going to the rescue instead of being the one rescued.

